

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1 to 16 were previously cancelled via a preliminary amendment dated May 10, 2006. Claims 17 to 25 are canceled without prejudice in response to the Restriction Requirement. Claims 26 to 34 are now pending. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter was added in this amendment.

### **II. Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the present application contains claims which are directed to the following two distinct inventions and stated that restriction to one of the two inventions is required:

Group I: claim(s) 17-25, drawn to a "milling tool"; and

Group II: claim(s) 26-34, drawn to a "method for milling recesses".

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II (claims 26-34), drawn to a method for milling recesses. Claims 17 to 25 were related to the invention of Group I, and, therefore, were canceled as reading on the non-elected invention.

## **ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the present application contains claims which are directed to more than one species of the generic invention and stated that Applicant is required to elect a single species to which claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In the office action, the Examiner stated that the species are as follows:

Species I: a species wherein the recess to be milled is a circular groove;

Species II: species wherein the work piece is a gas turbine "component";

Species III: species wherein the workpiece is a deformed gas turbine component to be reconditioned;

Species IV: species wherein the workpiece is an integrally bladed rotor of a gas turbine; or

Species V: species wherein the workpiece is a single-blade profile for a gas turbine blade.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the following species, without traverse: "Species II: species wherein the work piece is a gas turbine "component".

It is respectfully submitted that pending claim 31 is encompassed and is readable on the elected species.

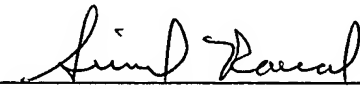
Applicants respectfully submits that claims 26 and 28 are generic.

**Conclusion**

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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